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Sen. Jelinek appointed chairman of Senate Appropriations Committee

LANSING – Sen. Ron Jelinek was appointed today as Chairman of the Senate Appropriations Committee by the state Senate Majority Leader-Elect, Sen. Mike Bishop.

“The state continues to be in a very difficult economic situation at this time and providing a balanced budget while maintaining essential services will certainly be a challenge,” said Jelinek, R-Three Oaks. “I am up to the challenge and with everyone’s help we will succeed. I am grateful for this opportunity to serve the 21st Senate District as well as the entire state.”

As chair of the Appropriations Committee, Jelinek will oversee all 16 subcommittees and will work closely with Senate and House leadership and the governor in preparing balanced budgets for the state.

“Ron has the legislative experience necessary to lead this committee through some very difficult decisions in the coming year. I look forward to working with him in this capacity,” said Bishop, R-Rochester.

Jelinek, recently elected to his second term in the Senate, served the past four years on the Appropriations Committee, chairing both the School Aid and Community Colleges subcommittees as well as serving as vice-chair of the Agriculture subcommittee. He also served on the Appropriations Committee while a member of the state House of Representatives.

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